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College Welcomes New Coffee Shop

Sodexo "jazzes up" the Halleck Center

By Nicole Thomsen
News Writer

Many of you may have already noticed there's some new construction going on in the South Lounge area of the Halleck Student Center, also known as the commuter's lounge. Jazzman's Cafe and Bakery which, like The Hub, is Sodexo owned, will be the school's new coffee shop. When asked why the coffee shop was being built, Dean of Students Leslie Frere responded, "The decision to bring Jazzman's to campus was based on several factors, but was founded primarily in student interest. We do not currently have easy access to a coffee/bakery type of gathering space for students and our "student center" isn't well designed to accommodate the gathering needs of current students. After consulting with the Commuter Student representative and some of the SA Executive Officers, the opportunity seemed like a natural fit."

She also mentioned menu items will include numerous specialty beverages, such as coffees, espressos, cappuccinos, lattes, mochas, chai teas, and

smoothies. They will be serving pastries, muffins, scones, cookies, sandwiches, and salads, as well. The price ranges have yet to be determined but we can assume they will be similar to that of an upscale coffee shop.

No official operating hours have been set yet, but it will most likely be between early morning to early afternoon and early to late evening hours. We know some form of printing will be available, however they're still determining what printing services will be available. If possible, they would like to have a wireless printer that would allow all networked computers to easily print in Jazzman's Café and Bakery.

Although there is no exact date on when Jazzman's will actually open, it is safe to say they are planning to have the Grand Opening on or some time before November 3rd, which is Family Day. Like with any new business opening, the café will offer a few wonderful new job opportunities for Saint Joseph's College students. Personally, I can't wait for it to open! With such a convenient location, it'd be great to drop by and get a cappuccino on my way to Core Lecture. If



you'd like to check out more about Jazzman's Café and Bakery feel free to visit the website www.jazzmanscafe.com!

*Photo courtesy of Jessica Ruschke
Above: The poster for the new Jazzman's Café and Bakery on the outside of the construction zone in the South Halleck Lounge.*

Giving Back to the Community

Blood drive offers students chance to help out

By Anna Rohaly and
Randee Portteus
Staff Editors

On September 5th, students gathered in the ballroom for an experience a little different than the normal campus activities found there: a blood drive. Puma Activities Club, more commonly known as PAC, was charged with promoting the Indiana Blood Center's blood drive and encouraging students, staff, and faculty to donate. As it turned out, they hardly had to bother. "Many more people showed up than we were expecting," said John May, Director of Student Activities at Saint Joseph's College. In all, fifty seven-people were able to donate blood, although the drive was only expecting about thirty-five. More than fifty-seven people came to the drive, but some who wanted to donate were not able to for various reasons, such as low iron.

This is not the first time the school has seen a blood drive. PAC has been offering at least two blood drives a year for the last four years, with the help of the Indiana Blood Center. Students

can actually help the community of Rensselaer by giving blood. "It's a great way to help people in need," says May, "and former PAC leaders felt that students would be more willing to donate if they knew it was helping those in their own communities."

Sophomore English Education major Allison Stanton, one of the many donors said, "I just wanted to help out as much as I could. Donating blood is just such a simple thing and it could save somebody's life." Freshman English Education major Dominique Maybank said something similar, "I love that by donating blood I'm helping people, it's such an easy small thing to be done that gains so much more value." She and the other fifty-six donors proudly wore their blue bandages and "I donated" stickers throughout the day to show their enthusiasm for helping out the Indiana Blood Center.

If you missed the blood drive or couldn't donate this time around, don't worry! You'll have another chance. There will be health fair held in the ballroom on November 13th, and you can

donate blood there from 9am to 3pm. If you have questions about eligibility, visit <http://www.indianablood.org>.

*Photos courtesy of Anthony Majewski
Below: Saint Joseph's College students give up about fifteen minutes to donate a pint of blood at the blood drive on September 5th.*



Students cook, eat Harvest Fest meal

By Dominique Maybank
News Writer

What is so cool about Harvest? What's it about? Why would anyone want to be a part of being outside, working on plants, and losing three days out of their week? These are the few questions and misconceptions people have about Harvest Fest. There are many ways to be a part of this program, whether it be eating the food, or making it!

Few students seem to know much about Harvest Fest and feel that it does not match their interests. Music Education majors Hannah Ramey and Jason Lafever said, "I'm not appealed. What is it even about? What does Harvest really do?"

So, what is Harvest? Harvest Fest is not only a SJC club that's available to students, faculty and locals to participate in, but it's also connected to an SJC class, Food in Society. All members of the freshmen class are invited to attend the dinner on Thursday nights with their residence hall floors. All the food is freshly grown in the Learning Garden next to the Minelli Memorial Soccer Field or from local ingredient venders for foods such as cheese and meat. The food is cooked from scratch, none of it pre-made, and prepared within 2 days prior with minimum six hours of serving to the very last second of the Thursday night meal.

The Harvest crew, which includes people from the Food and Society class along with volunteers, feel that they received a sense of fulfillment each time they left the kitchen. Some freshmen have even jumped into the program. "I feel achievement really," says Earth Science major freshman Maria Williams, "I like to cook and I feel proud that I did something." Williams gets to experience Prof. Capouch as not only a food science teacher, but also as the Harvest Fest head chef who is passionate about cooking food for people. Professor Capouch is sometimes in the kitchen until three in the morning preparing the full course meal. He says his greatest joy is when "there's no food left, and to see the food disappear is the best."

Each Thursday a different meal is served. The meal on September 5 consisted of a four course meal of fresh cantaloupes, fresh baked bread, homemade pizza, black bean chili, fresh shucked corn, au gratin potatoes, squeezed lemonade, and finally chocolate cheesecake with whipped cream. With the friendly atmosphere, exceptional entertainment courtesy of the library and the acoustic guitar player, you will never have such a homey feeling as well as meal since you've been home if you go to Harvest Fest!

*Photos courtesy of News Writer
Dominique Maybank*

(Right) Junior Mass Communication major Jessica Curbis, senior Biology major Kelsey Reynolds, freshman Earth Science major Maria Williams serve home-made food at the September 5 Harvest Fest dinner.

(Bottom) Students gather to enjoy the Harvest Fest dinner in the Founder's Room. These dinners will be happening every Thursday in September. Freshman have the opportunity to sign up with their RA's in their residence halls.



Foreign Language Club offers cultural dance night

By Jessica Ruschke
Editor-in-Chief

In one event on September 18, students will become immersed in aspects of African, Latin American, and French Culture. The foreign language club is hosting a "Dances From Around the World" night featuring lessons in African, Latin American, and French dances from Assistant Professor of Physical Education Gary Sanders.

This event is meant to

coincide with classes offered this semester, including Core Seven, Introduction to Swahili, French, and Spanish classes. "I wanted to give students knowledge outside the classroom," said foreign language club president junior Accounting major LaMichelle Sanders. The dance lessons will start at 7:30, and all students are welcome to attend and learn new dances. Students enrolled in the connected courses are especially encouraged to attend.

This foreign language club

event is similar to the "Salsa Night" the club hosted last year. Due to that event's popularity, they decided to host another dance night. The club hopes for another successful turn-out. "I really look forward to seeing people have fun learning about different cultures through our club."

For more information about the foreign language club, contact Sanders, vice president Alberto Anguiano, secretary Anne Giacchino, or treasurer Hannah



SIFE partners with farmer's market

By Joey Krisch
Guest Writer

SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) is starting a new project this semester. The SIFE team led by Andrea Van Meter is working on improving the farmer's market in the town of Rensselaer. Their goal is to make the market a more popular place for shopping. They want the farmer's market to compete against the Wal-Mart off College Avenue. The market is in other words "a shadow of its former self," and they believe

improvement is much needed.

The farmers market provides many different groceries such as beans, corn, and other fruits and vegetables. Not only do they provide these necessities, they are also fresh! This food is all grown locally and is a great way to support the community and small time farmers. These farmers make a living off selling what they grow at the market and it's not an easy life. SIFE says the best way to support these people is to start going to the market and just check it out.

Upcoming Puma Events

9/14-16 Puma Bus Competition - Special prize is an IPAD!

9/19 - Influenza Awareness - Stop by the nurse's table at lunch!

9/22 - Measure Reading - Share the creative pieces you have written!

9/24-30 Homecoming - Spirit days and other events coming soon!

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OPINION

Doomed to Tray-less Forever

By Tabitha Blaisdell
Opinions Writer

If you've been in the cafeteria or read your SJC email lately, I'm sure you are probably aware of the disappearance of the trays. Currently, the school is testing out a two week trial period of dining without trays. It is not clear yet if this method will be permanent, but I know I and a lot of other students are hoping it's not. If you're anything like me, you may already have enough trouble keeping your tray balanced full of all your items. Just imagine trying to carry all of those items without the help of a tray!

Some say that because it will save on soap, water and wasting of food the removal of trays is a brilliant idea, however I

disagree. I think taking away the trays will only enforce a lot of problems and is an unnecessary inconvenience to us students. The traffic in the cafeteria is already busy enough with the trays, without them it is sure to increase and slow down the lines. It is a major disadvantage to have to get back in line just to be able to retrieve your meal's worth of food. It will be particularly aggravating if the lines are extremely long and you don't have time to wait. Trays were designed to make it quicker and easier to carry around utensils, glasses and plates of food all at once to the table; they also help keep the tables clean by preventing people from dropping food all over the place by containing spills and

messes. Without the benefit of trays, people are likely to be more careless about throwing their trash away and keeping their area clean, which then causes the tables to become an unsanitary area and gives the cleaning crew a bigger mess to clean up.

It's true that going tray-less might make students more aware about what they actually want instead of grabbing a bunch of items they won't eat. However, we do have to remember that we students pay for the all-you-can-eat buffet in the cafeteria. The longer the lines are and having no trays, limits us.... possibly to the point to where we might not be getting what we pay for.

I don't think going tray-less would be an absolutely terrible idea if the cafe were to

make some changes to the plates that are offered. If we are to go permanently tray-less, I think instead of using the plates we have now, we should invest in buying those compact trays that have sections in them in which you can put your food. This way, students can get more food in one trip and not have to use several plates to do so. It also limits your portion size so you wouldn't be putting too much on your plate and wasting food.

I can't speak for everyone when I say going tray-less is a bad idea. Based on the people I have talked to and the chatter I have heard, the majority of students seem to agree that getting rid of the trays isn't something we are necessarily excited about.

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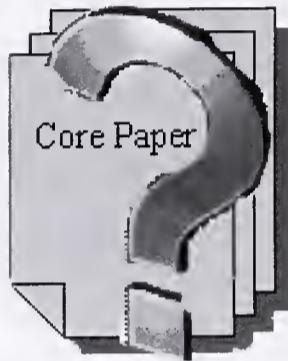
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Campus Technology Woes

By Matt Hess
Opinions Writer

After a long summer of movies on Netflix and fast internet at home, I was dreading coming back to campus and dealing with slow internet. It seemed last year, that you never knew if you could do school work in a friend's dorm because the WiFi was so unpredictable. I just figured it would be same this year.

However, after registering my laptop, I was pleasantly surprised to find that I could surf the web on campus at acceptable speeds again. Over the summer the Computer Center was able to double the band width on campus by adding 112 new access points. However, as the internet at the Joe gets better, I think most would agree access to computers and, more importantly printers, has not.

Many of us were sad to see that the Computer Lab in the Core Education Center was closed so that Student Financial Services would have a new place to operate. One should take note however not to blame the employees in the Computer Center for this awkward situation. They can only work with what they have and are always willing to help students in the best way they know how. Now unfortunately, our sadness has turned to frustration as we have papers due and the go-to place to print is gone.

What's more is that the Computer Lab in the Science

Building is always busy with classes and is not available for use during long portions of the day. There is also printing in the library. Not too many people think to go there. But I know in the past the few computers there make for a long wait. Of course there is always the option of buying your own printer. Even though I have one, I still question if the convenience is worth the cost. For many college students strapped for cash, it is not. So, probably the best option for the annoyed student on the prowl for a printer would be planning.

As hard as it can be to finish a paper before the night, it is probably the best way to avoid the hassle of printing on campus. Maybe they are trying to teach us planning by doing this? However some say that there is a bright side to the printing nightmare, and I think they make some valid points. The first is that there is so much energy being saved by the lack of a Computer Lab in the Core Building. This is something that I thought would be more publicized on campus with the "trayless" debate raging harder than ever and sustainability being the new buzz word.

The other point brought up is the likelihood that there might be a printer in the new Jazzman's. Not only do I like the idea of a coffee shop on campus, but I think that if can get a printer where students do not have to log in to print will be quick. Here is wishing you the best of luck in getting your papers printed in this coming semester!

Jazzman's Jazzing campus

By Anna Rohaly
Opinions Editor/Writer

One of the best parts of coming back to campus is the buzz of information about Puma happenings. We hear stories about black mold in the Financial Aid Office and about how the next Core syllabus will really empty our wallets. One of the more exciting bits of buzz this year however, involves the up and coming coffee house on campus.

Run by Sudexo, Jazzman's is going to be located up on the second floor of the Halleck where the commuter lounge used to be located. At the moment, it is literally the hole in the wall next to the bookstore. In the near future though, it will be transformed into a cafe' styled area with a sandwich and coffee bar. This new food area may seem like a small addition to campus, but really this is a great move for St. Joe for numerous reasons.

Opening up a new restaurant on campus will help to minimize one of the biggest frustrations students are having with the current food services; long lines. Having to wait an hour in line and then another half an hour for food at the Hub gets old. If it's late and you're hungry, the wait creates an atmosphere of really grumpy, hungry people. The old atmosphere of the Hub being a fun place to hang out, eat, and maybe play a game of pool left when the meal exchange plan arrived. Head aches and stomach grumbling came to replace the fun. Having another option to get food will help spread out the flow of students and make dining a more enjoyable activity on campus again.

I remember as a freshman talking to some of my friends from back home and being shocked and completely envious when they described their options for food. They could go get sandwiches, pastries, coffee, and ethnic foods from dozens of

different restaurants without ever having to leave their campus or spend money outside of their meal plans. When we added McDonalds as an option for Puma Points, my envy lessened but was still very much there. Adding Jazzman's to the SJC's food joints will help create a variety greatly appreciated by students.

Another thing SJC has been really missing is a good place to get a hot cup of coffee. Starbucks has yet to make an appearance in Rensselaer and while there are some great coffee places in town, they are little known and a bit of a walk. Having available java in the middle of campus will help us with late night homework and coffee cravings. Moving beyond the variety and honing into the wide spread love of coffee is a great move for the college.

On the downside, the commuters are losing their lounge. Many of them could be seen sitting in there either working on homework or hanging out with other commuters. The cafe feel of the coffee bar may hinder homework with noise and other distractions, cutting down on how ideal Jazzmen's may be for this niche of students. There are however, plenty of other places on campus for commuters to congregate so this is a small price to pay for coffee.

Another downer is that Cup O' Joe will be given some competition that could negatively effect this much beloved organization. Cup O' Joe fills a need for some of our students but cannot meet coffee wants for everyone. It may be that the new coffee bar will fill a need for students who have not found a home within the psychedelic walls of Cup O' Joe. May Cup O' Joe live long and prosper.

All in all, this newest coffee joint will be, in most opinions, a smashing success. They just have to finish building it first.

Core Book Review: The Glass Castle

By Nicole Thomsen

Features Writer

The Glass Castle is a page-turning memoir by former gossip columnist and now full time writer Jeannette Walls. Born in Phoenix, Arizona her home remained rootless. Her family was always doing what she refers to in her novel as "Skedaddleing." They went from Arizona to California to Battle Mountain to Nevada to Welch, West Virginia, sometimes they even went homeless. Walls is one of four children. When her oldest sister moved to New York, Walls followed right behind her at age seventeen. She worked small jobs and mainly put herself through college with some help from her dad.

Walls graduated in 1984 with Honors from Barnard College. She has worked as a journalist at multiple newspapers since then, but in 2007 she took leave from her day jobs and decided to become a full time writer. So far she has published three books: *Dish: The Inside Story on the World of Gossip*, *The Glass Castle*, and *Half Broke Horses: A True-Life Novel*. *The Glass Castle* won the 2005 Elle Readers' Prize and the 2006 American Library Association Alex Award.

The memoir begins in present day. Walls is on her way to a work party in New York when she sees

a homeless woman rummaging through garbage. It's her mother. Embarrassed and ashamed she ducks down in her Taxi and has the driver take her home. In the next chapter the book jumps back in time to when she is three years old. After the first exasperating sentence, "I was on fire," her childhood is broken down into chapters over-loaded with excitement and failure. Being the daughter of an artist and drunk gives a whole new perspective on how to raise a family. Some may

call what she endured childhood neglect, but Walls's parents referred to it as "fending for yourself."

One of the major themes in the book is forgiveness. Wall's mother was a self-interested artist who would rather see her children starve than show up for work. Walls's father jumped around from actual jobs to odd jobs. He is a hard-working man and I believe he had the best intentions in mind but alcohol always seemed to get in the way. It was more like

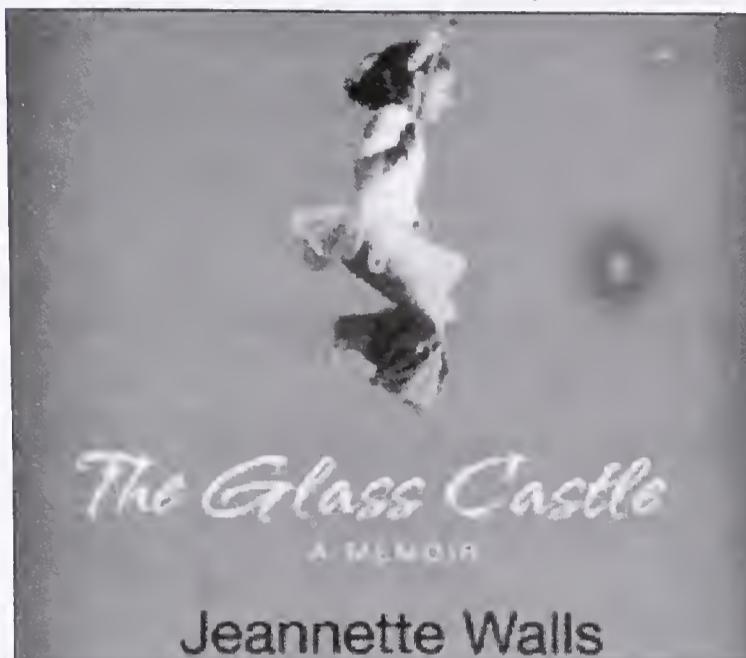


Photo courtesy of google images. There has been much controversy over whether or not this book is a true collection of memories, or moments from Walls' life taken and greatly amplified to make a better story.

the children were raising the parents. All the characters need to find a way to forgive each other. While the children dealt with the constant neglect that the parents were never actually punished for, they needed to understand that forgiveness is not just for the parents but for themselves. Holding a grudge would never allow them to find the happiness they deserved.

Alcoholism plays a key role in the book. Walls gives us a look into the life of an alcoholic. She shows what a terrible disease it is and how it effects the entire family: she sheds light on both sides of alcoholism. At one point, Walls asks her father to quit drinking. When he does he is in excruciating pain, and she even states he isn't the same father she has known and loved.

While her parents may have been unsuitable, they did teach their children two very important lessons: fearlessness and loyalty. After Walls burned almost half of her body her parents were worried she would be afraid of fire. Walls' father wasn't going to stand for it. He had her playing with matches the second day after she returned from the hospital. They taught their children to embrace their fears which in turn allowed them the strength they needed to survive. Her parents also taught them that family comes first.

No matter what happened they needed to stick together. This is an example of loyalty and is another huge factor that allowed the children to survive.

There has been some controversy over the Walls's childhood experiences. Some would say that her stories are overly exaggerated; not a lot of people find it believable for a three year old to be cooking a hot dog. While only the author could answer this, I believe her stories to be plausible. Walls elaborates every detail, she doesn't just say that this happened, she says how and why it happened; given the environment she was brought up in, I find her credible.

The Glass Castle is an all-around great read. Once you've begun you won't want to set it down. Walls's bare bones, quick paced style is captivating. I believe the book is suitable for anyone age fourteen and up due to some of the graphic material. Walls does an amazing job developing each character. She paints the picture of her every story. The Glass castle is truly a good book. It is a shocking memoir and although at times it is extreme it is still believable. I would recommend this book to anyone who has questioned his or her childhood.

New Girl Season 2: 16 Days and Counting

By Kristina Hemmerling
Features Editor

For those of you who read my article on this topic last semester, I slightly apologize. For those of you who have not read and have no clue what I'm talking about, get ready to become educated on one of television's best current comedies. FOX Broadcasting's *New Girl* comes back for a second season on Tuesday September 25, just sixteen short days away. If you are not pumped, you should be. As I wrote in my article last year, this show is hilarious, slightly romantic, entertaining, and can be watched by males or females (maybe mostly females, but there much of the humor employed can be greatly appreciated by males 18-28, if not older as well).

Jess Day (Zooey Deschanel), the main character, is a quirky school teacher who loves singing and at the beginning of season one had just gotten out of a bad relationship. In the first episode she moves into a downtown loft in LA with three single guys, Nick Miller (Jake Johnson), Schmidt (Max Greenfield), and Winston Bishop (Lamorne Morris). When she moves in, Jess changes their lives in many ways. The first of which is adding the female aspect. You may expect that to mean the loft is suddenly cleaner and

more organized, but that is not something that needs to happen. Schmidt is a very clean, and perhaps OCD, person who has a place for everything and puts everything in its place. Jess gives the guys a new view on life with her almost overly happy self and quirky traits like near-constant singing and for bringing her choir class home for practice.

The first season of twenty-four episodes is packed with humor and good times by friends. Jess dates a few people, Nick dates a few people, Schmidt and Jess' childhood best friend, Cece Meyers (Hannah Simone), start an originally secret love affair, and Winston finds true love from a former booty call. By the end of the season, Jess has decided that none of the men she's dated are right for her, Schmidt and Cece have admitted to their "relationship", Winston is happily in love, and Nick has decided to go back into a relationship with the woman who broke his heart. I won't tell you the very end of the season in case you decide to play catch up on the show before the second season starts, but boy oh boy. Let me just say I can hardly wait for season two.

I have seen evidence on the internet that there may be a big Jess "shake up" for this season, but I have declined to read those

spoilers and tell them to you, lovely readers, for fear of ruining everything before we get the chance to see it.

If my persistence of writing two articles on this show has not gotten you to want to watch it, you should think again. This show is seriously funny and cute, and is quite possibly in my top ten television shows of all time. If that doesn't impress you, then apparently nothing will and you

quite possibly have awful taste in television shows. I hope this is not the case, and that you come to your senses and give *New Girl* a chance. I mean, the show has been nominated for numerous awards and has been awarded several as well, including the Teen Choice Award for Choice TV Breakout Performance - Female

Hannah Simone, Choice TV Actress: Comedy

Zooey Deschanel, and Choice TV

Breakout Performance - Male Lamorne Morris.

Based off the clearly awesome acting skills these people have, you should all go watch season one as quickly as you can to get ready (and hyped!) for season two! I plan to relive that last few episodes in order to get properly pumped for the monumental occasion. Anyone reading this article is advised to do the same.



Photo courtesy of google images. New Girl's beloved cast, on some fancy photoshoot. Who knows what's going to happen on this next season?!! Apparently some internet people do, but I say we wait to see for ourselves.

The Expendables 2

By Patrick Massoels
Staff Writer

For anyone to even attempt to write a review for a film like "The Expendables 2" and then claim it to be a proper one is completely ridiculous. Here is a film that is packed with so many nods, nudges, winks, and references to its dedicated audience that, at some point in the film whether you want to or not, you have to cave in to its explosive, manly charm.

The plot is less complex this time out, but no less ridiculous than that of the previous film. While the original picture, directed by Sylvester Stallone, strode more toward a dramatic feel that left the audience feeling some sort of dark connection to the characters, the sequel's story seems to have the main objective of throwing many parody jokes and bullets at those watching it.

Barney Ross (Stallone) and his unique band of colorful mercenaries, consisting of bladed weapons expert Lee Christmas (Jason Statham), hand-to-hand combat expert Yin Yang (Jet Li), mad scientist genius Gunner Jensen (Dolph Lundgren), barrel-weapons specialist Hale Caesar (Terry Crews), demolitions expert Toll Road (Randy Couture) and sniper Billy the Kid (Liam Hemsworth) have just completed a successful mission in Nepal when Ross is contacted



While the movie earned some positive marks, critics were a bit more pessimistic about the film.

"The Expendables 2" is lazily satisfied with repeating the first movie's formula, shortcomings and grisly strengths alike, just as the first movie was content to slavishly, ploddingly cover the hits of the '80s." - Tom Russo, Boston Globe

by shadowy CIA operative Mr. Church (Bruce Willis). Church is nothing even close to happy with the Expendables' exploits in the previous film.

As payment, Church needs

the Expendables to take a mission to protect Chinese CIA operative Maggie Chen (Nan Yu) as they go to recover a mysterious item in the wreckage of a plane crash.

As you would guess in a film

such as this, nothing ever goes according to plan, and the Expendables find themselves up against the appropriately named Jean Vilain (Jean-Claude Van Damme) and a small army of unnamed mercenaries armed with five tons of weapons-grade plutonium. When one of their own is slain before them and their prize from the wreckage is taken, this mission is no longer about settling a debt with Church but about getting revenge. Along the way, they receive occasional backup from lone wolf Booker (Chuck Norris) and old rival Trench (Schwarzenegger), who both seem to appear in the story at perfectly convenient moments for the sake of Ross and his team.

Finally, the "Expendables" film that we've always wanted has arrived. Gone are the rambling, hardly-audible monologues that cursed the first film. In their place is an action-

packed strand of punch lines and gags.

Statham and Stallone retain their easy chemistry from the first film and, this time, Terry Crews

would have liked. But it was all for the sake of the story.

Taking over for Stallone in the director's chair is Simon West, who, if nothing else, has proven himself more than

capable of staging onscreen action. With the change in director, returning cinematographer Shelly Johnson has altered his approach from the incoherent shooting technique he utilized in part one, opting instead for a cleaner style that lets the onscreen landscape breathe while giving the viewer a chance to actually see and appreciate the effort and skill put into the numerous action sequences.

The end result is far from perfect, with a still-awkward handling of dramatic beats, shots obviously cropped and enlarged in post-production and, of course, the producers

taking all the fun out of some of the more creative kills. Still, all things considered, the end product is miles ahead of what audiences experienced in the first one.



The action packed *Expendables 2* collects a plethora of stars to fight evil! From right to left, starting from the top: Sylvester Stallone, Jason Stathom, Jet Li, Dolph Lundren, Chuck Norris, Jean-Claude Van Dauume, Bruce Willis, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Terry Crews.

and Dolph Lundgren get in a bigger share of exploding moments. Martial arts superstar Jet Li, however, had his performance fall a little shorter than this reviewer

Things To Do In Rensselaer: Willow Switch for coffee, gifts

By Anna Rohaly
Staff Writer

One of the frequent complaints that flies around Saint Joe's is that there is no Starbucks in Rensselaer. What many of the people who share this frustration do not know is that there is a fabulous little coffee shop right in town that could rival the best tasting Starbucks drink. The present day Willow Switch took shape in November 2009. Christy Fleming and her husband had been running The Willow Switch as a home and gift store before then, but when the economy changed, so did their business plan. The Willow Switch coffee house was born.

Nestled in a string of buildings on Washington Street near the square, the store front trimmed in green is easy to spot. You just have to make sure to look to the south side of the street and you will find the store. The Willow Switch is open Tuesday through Friday 8am-4:30pm and Saturday 8am-2pm. Morning coffee or afternoon snacks are waiting just through the doors.

Once you make your way inside, the delightful smells of coffee and cinnamon meet your

nose while relaxing music plays low in the background.

"We wanted to offer a place where people could have a minute or an hour, however much time they need," said Christy Fleming. They have accomplished just that. The atmosphere of the shop is cute and homey. The Flemings

still keep up the front half of the shop as a home and gift store and walking through one can find all kinds of items for sale from curtains to candle sticks, furniture to kitchen ware. Past the gift section, are rows of tables and the coffee bar itself.

On The Willow Switch's



Photo courtesy of Anna Rohaly. The Willow Switch is located in downtown Rensselaer, just down the road from Busy Bee, which just closed on September 9th. So, when you need your sugar fix and Busy Bee is shut down for the year, head on down to the Willow Switch!

menu are drinks such as Death by Chocolate, Rensselaer Makes Me Crazy, Caramel Delight Latte, Flavored Mocha, and The Works, which is a wonderful concoction including coffee, cocoa mix, cream, a flavored syrup and whipped cream. The Willow Switch also offers frozen

blends of both coffees and creams, tea, hot chocolate, and chai tea. Smoothies, scones, cookies, and muffins, baked fresh everyday, are also on the menu. The different flavors available to add to a drink include caramel, cinnamon, chocolate, peppermint, vanilla, banana, hazelnut, strawberry and other seasonal tastes. All of the items on the menu are mouth watering and reasonably priced within a college student's budget.

One of the best aspects of The Willow Switch is the upper level. Past the coffee bar, there are stairs leading up to a loft-like area. Comfortable chairs and tables provide a

quite escape from the crazy student life and a perfect place to sip a tasty drink. If you have homework to concentrate on, this loft area is a great place to get it done. The Willow Switch provides WiFi for their customers, which makes online homework and research a great possibility for students.

Check out Willow Switch for great coffee, a relaxing atmosphere, and reasonable prices. You can check out The Willow Switch online at www.willowswitch.com to get further information. Go give them a try and taste how great their drinks are. You may decide that they are even better than Starbucks.



The Willow Switch > Starbucks? You won't know until you try! Head on down and get a caffeine pick-me-up!

Puma Football Opens With Win Over Rival Valparaiso

By Patrick Wilson
Sports Staff Writer

Saint Joseph's College opened its season against rival Valparaiso University in an electric Thursday night game that can only be described as a shootout. Junior quarterback Billy Vandermerkt passed for 303 yards and completed 21 of 38 passes including 2 touchdowns. He also tacked on another 52 yards on 6 rushes. Not to be outdone, Julian Walker caught 11 passes for 205 yards and 2 scores while transfer Braxton Shelton had 152 all-purpose yards and two scores to help lead the Pumas to their first season opening win since 2006.

The Pumas (1-0) kicked off the scoring with a 21 yard scoring strike from Vandermerkt to Walker to take the early 7-0 lead with 9:33 left in the first. Following a punt from the Crusaders; the two teams traded interceptions which ended with a late first quarter Valpo touchdown from running back Gabe Ali-El. SJC very methodically orchestrated a 15-play drive that was possible because of a Valpo penalty, which led to a Sean Martinez 1-yard scoring plunge. The PAT was missed bringing the score to 13-7 five minutes into the second quarter. On the ensuing drive, the Crusaders traveled 81 yards in 7 minutes that ended with a Jake Hutson 2 yard touchdown run that tied the game after a missed extra point.

With Vandermerkt on the sidelines, backup quarterback Tate Borlick completed 3 passes that concluded in a Walker fumble and



Sophomore Braxton Shelton runs the ball. (Photo taken by C.PPS Father Tim McFarland)

recovery for a touchdown late in the first half.

With just less than five minutes left in the half the Crusaders drove 10 plays that allowed Ryan Lehr to punch it in for the score with just 25 seconds left in the half, leaving these teams deadlocked at 20 after the PAT.

Coming out of the break the Pumas took the ball and just 1:26 into the third Cameron Crabtree was stripped of the ball and defensive back Devan Gadson scampered in for the 36 yard touchdown. The Crusaders took the lead 26-20 following yet again another missed extra point. Midway through the third Vandermerkt hooked up with Braxton Shelton who broke

a tackle along the sidelines and sprinted in for a 61 yard touchdown strike. Pumas lead 27-26. On a 12 play drive Valparaiso answered the Pumas' touchdown with one of their own, going up 34-27 after the 2-pt conversion.

After several punts late in the third and early fourth the Pumas scrapped together a 39 yard field goal from kicker Gavin Voss bringing the score to 34-30 Crusaders. Following two consecutive punts the Pumas took the ball with 3:00 left in the contest. Vandermerkt led the Pumas on a 12 play drive that saw him throw and complete 4 passes for 52 yards to Julian Walker that would eventually end in an 6 yard touchdown run by Crabtree. Pumas left just

24 seconds on the clock after the blocked PAT but saw the Crusaders put together a valiant attempt which included a 43 yard heart throbbing kickoff return. Pumas won by a final score of 36-34.

SJC's defensive leaders includes John Wimbley who had 8 total tackles and Chad Sprayberry who had a sack.

Overall SJC played well offensively but defensively there are a few things to clean up as well as in the Special Teams. Also it should be noted that they had 10 penalties which later could come back to bite them. Nonetheless the Pumas start out just the way they wanted to, with a win. Their next home game is September 15th against Robert Morris College.

Pumas Open Invite With Win Over GLVC Rival Bellarmine

By Adam Meeker
Sports Staff Writer

This past weekend, the Lady Puma volleyball team competed in an Invitational held here at St. Joe. Teams that competed in this tournament include Bellarmine, Edinboro, Illinois-Springfield, Saginaw Valley State, Walsh, and Winona State. Although none of these teams were nationally ranked, the competition has definitely improved since last year.

Right out of the gate, the Pumas took on Bellarmine, which was ranked above the Pumas in the preseason polls. The starters for the Pumas were freshmen Erin Hyland, Anna Sacco, Sammi Hintze, and Megan Sturm, juniors Allison Krips and Alyssa Guarnaccia, and seniors Leah Zehme, Hannah Bedan, and Lindsay Allen. The Pumas got off to a great start by winning the first two sets, but Bellarmine fought back in the third and fourth sets. In a tight fourth set,

Bellarmine was able to pull it out 30-28 and send the match into a fifth set. In the fifth set, there was no commanding lead as the two teams went neck and neck. Bellarmine got to match point four consecutive times, but was unable to finish against the Pumas. When the match got to 18-17 with Saint Joe in the lead, the Pumas took advantage of the only match point they had. The fighting Pumas came away with an incredible win over Bellarmine.

Sturm, the starting setter, had some great sets and many smart shots that put the Pumas on top. The hitters and blockers in front also deserve a lot of credit. They had some tremendous kills and blocks against the Knights. The Pumas put up a great defense against Bellarmine, denying many kills that would have been, at times, game-ending.

The Pumas next two match ups are set at home against Lewis University on September 14th, and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside on September 15th.



The Pumas went on to play four more matches, winning two and losing two, which put them at 3-2 for the tournament.

The Pumas defeated Walsh and Illinois-Springfield in straight sets, and fell to Saginaw State and Winona State also in straight sets.

The Pumas are looking forward to their season as they have gotten off to a great start. Although it was not a dual match, it was still a way for the Pumas to make their presence known in the conference.

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Tennis Begins Season with Puma Open

By Katie Guernsey
Sports Editor

Puma tennis kicked off its fall season with the Puma Open, a fundraiser tournament. The team played against each other, with a few outside competitors. The Women's Singles Open was won by senior Katee Sanderson, who also won the Women's Doubles with her younger sister. Sanderson suffered a season-ending injury in the 2012 spring season.

"I'm really looking forward to this season after missing last spring. I worked so hard in the off-season, and really picked up my conditioning. I hope to contribute to a successful year," said Sanderson.

The men's Singles Open was won by non-St. Joe student Luke Sanderson, with runner up freshman Reid Imel. The Men's

Right: Freshman Megan Sturm serves. Courtesy of C.PPS. Fr. Tim McFarland.

Upcoming Games

9/14/12
W & M Soccer
Missouri S&T
7:30 PM

Volleyball
Lewis University
Home @ 7:00 PM

Cross Country
National Catholic College
Invitational
Away @ 2:30 PM

9/15/12
Tennis
Ashford Invitational
Away

Football
Robert Morris College
Away @ 2:00 PM

Volleyball
University of Wisconsin-Parkside
Home @ 3:00 PM

9/16/12
W Golf
University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagle
Invite
Away

9/18/12
Volleyball
University of Indianapolis
Away @ 7:00 PM

Doubles was won by juniors Seth Arthur and Joe Scott.

The men's and women's teams will officially start their season September 15th in Waterloo, Iowa at the Ashford Invitational.

"I am very excited to have seven experienced players returning to the women's team this year," said head coach Reggie Sanderson. "We added some depth by picking up three freshman as well. Coming off a winning season and returning our number one player from a season-ending injury last year, I feel that we can compete with anyone. I think the team worked really hard in the off season and everything I've seen so far this fall indicates for a great year. On the men's side we return our entire top six. We picked up two high level recruits that should contribute to the team immediately. Our goal is to make an appearance in the GLVC championships this year on both the men's and women's teams."

Room to Improve for Puma Soccer

By Katie Guernsey
Sports Editor

This past weekend Puma soccer hosted conference matches against Rockhurst University and William-Jewell College.

The men's soccer team fell 4-0 to #15th rated Rockhurst on Friday night. Goalkeeper junior Steve Quella came out of the night with six saves in the first half, while sophomore Rylan Gentil substituted in for Quella for the second half, making two saves. On Saturday against William-Jewell the Pumas fell 3-2, despite the Pumas fighting back with goals by senior Torrey Brock and junior Cole Galloway.

"The season is going well. We have a lot of potential. We just have to figure out some things in the field on offense. We should have a good season, and we have a lot of depth," said Galloway.

The women's soccer team is currently 1-3, with a 1-0 win over the University of Findlay.

The Lady Pumas lost 5-0 against Rockhurst University. The Pumas held Rockhurst to only one goal in the first half, but Rockhurst found their groove

and scored four more goals in the second half.

They fell 6-1 against William Jewell. WJC was up after the first half after two goals scored late.

Junior Sarah Johnson scored the lone goal for the Pumas, led by a pass from junior Krystin Haas.

Despite the losses over the weekend, the Lady Pumas are not discouraged.

"We are off to a rocky start,

but we're a young team with a lot of potential. This season is about growing a lot as a team, and that is just what we are doing. I have faith in our team and once we find our rhythm there will be no stopping us," said senior Allie Reiner.

Both the men's and women's team play Septbember 14th at Missouri Science & Technology, and at Drury University September 16th.



Senior Josh Stymiest dribbles the ball. Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.

Puma Softball: A Look Back

By J.J. Miller
Sports Editor

The Pumas softball team made school history last year with their Cinderella story post-season run, which led them all the way to the College World Series. It was the first time in school history the softball team has advanced that far in the post-season.

After falling to Quincy 2-1 in the GLVC tournament, the Pumas were playing for their season's life: a loss in the post-season was the end of the year for them. In the NCAA Midwest Regional, the Pumas won three games in three days, beating Grand Valley

State 4-1, Ashland University 1-0, and beating Ashland again 5-1 to stamp their ticket to the NCAA Super Regional.

At the Super Regional the following weekend, the Pumas took two straight games against GLVC rival Northern Kentucky University, winning 2-1 and 5-3, to advance onwards to the double-elimination College World Series.

In their opening game, the Pumas fell to #18 Northern Connecticut State University in a close 2-1 game. They would bounce back the following day, beating Flagler University 5-2.

However, the following game would be the end of the run.

Going up against the previous national champions, University of California, San Diego, the Pumas played their hearts out, but fell in a 11th-inning, 2-1 loss.

The Pumas softball team will be back on the field next spring looking to do it all again. Returning all but three members of the College World Series roster, the future of Puma softball looks bright indeed.

Below: Coach Frank Wilkins and then-senior Brittnie Boerema at the post-game press conference following the loss to UCSD.

Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.



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Puma Athlete Profile

By: J.J. Miller
Sports Editor

Alex Yong is a Junior Cross Country and Track & Field runner. He is a Computer Science major.



What is your home town?
Portage, IN

What got you into Cross Country?
In 6th grade, a bunch of my friends started doing it, and I joined too. I've been doing it ever since.

How long have you been running?
10 years.

What's your favorite college course to run on?
Indiana Wesleyan's course.

If you had to do a sport that wasn't Cross Country or Track, what would it be?
Soccer.

What's your favorite team memory?
There are too many of them to count, and you probably couldn't publish them anyways.

Thing about Cross Country?
Staying in shape and all the good friends.

Thing about SJC?
The classes and the professors.

A Solid Start for Puma Cross Country

By J.J. Miller
Sports Editor

This past weekend, the Puma cross country teams traveled north to the hills of Wisconsin to compete at University Wisconsin-Parkside in their season opener. The men had a solid finish in 6th, while the women finished in 7th.

For the guys, the pack was led by junior Richard Kaht, who finished 8th overall with a time of 26:48, less than a minute behind the top finisher. Fellow junior Mike Fauser finished in 27:38, while Jake Carden was 3rd for the team in a time of 28:00. Other top finishers for the team were Patrick Massoels (28:15), Brian Witt (28:23), and Corey Dowds (28:26).

For the women, junior Trisha Hanlon led them with her 19th place finish, in a time of 19:38. Just behind her, in a time of 20:17, was fellow junior Katie DeBoy, and sophomore Frehiwet Negassi followed her in with a time of 20:25. Behind them for the lady Pumas were seniors Kirstin Hart and Kelly Lipold, with times of 20:34 and 20:48, respectively.

For both teams, the course

at UW-Parkside presented the challenge of running on hills unlike any that we have around Saint Joseph's College. For the men, it was also the first meet they will have to run in without sophomore Logan Barrett, who last year led the Pumas, setting the school cross country record.

The Pumas will run again September 14th at the Catholic College Invitational at Notre Dame, and again on September 28th, in Lansing, Michigan.



Trisha Hanlon led the Pumas with her 19th place finish.
Photo by Corey Dowds

Fountain Stone**Theaters**

Movies for September 13

(219) 866-2222

fountainstonetheaters.com

Hope Springs (PG13)

4:35, 6:25

Lawless (R)

4:30, 6:20

The Expendables 2 (R)

4:35, 6:25

The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG13)

4:30, 6:30

The Possession (PG13)

4:35, 6:25

Coming SoonFinding Nemo 3D
Resident Evil: Retribution 3D
Hotel Transylvania**The Ritz Cinema**

Movies for September 13

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www.ritzcinema.net

All movies begin at 7:00 M-F
Matinees Sat/Sun 2:00**Ice Age 3
(PG)***How do I cope with being a different faith among friends who are generally Christian? Should I avoid discussion regarding our differences?*

Dear Outcast Oliver,

Even though Saint Joseph's College is a Catholic college, we are a very open and accepting community of all religions. You should feel comfortable discussing your religion with your friends, and they with you. If you don't agree, you could say what you feel and believe. Then you have the opportunity to learn about their religions, and vice versa. Don't be afraid to speak your mind, just as long as both you and your friends remain respectful of each others beliefs and views then neither party gets offended. Maybe they feel just like you do, they too are possibly confused by your religion. Just always try to keep an open line of communication between you and your friends and surely things will start to turn around!

Sincerely,
Kindhearted Kat*What is a good place to eat in Rensselaer?*

Dear Anonymous,

Some really great places to get some delicious food would be: China Garden, The Dog House, Slice of Pie, and Arni's Pizza, along with all of the regular fast food place's. But if you are looking for something a bit different try out one or all of the restaurant's previously listed!

Sincerely,
Kindhearted Kat

P.S. Don't forget Trail Tree! It's the twenty-four hour truck stop diner just off exit 215!

What do I do if I walk in on my roommate naked?

Dear Anonymous,

First, I suggest you avert your eyes! Secondly, ask him or her to get some clothes on. You could possibly get in the habit of knocking before you come in even if it's your dorm, too.

Sincerely,
Giddy Gloria*Whenever I am around drunk people, I feel uncomfortable. I like my friends and I don't want them to think I am a pansy or anything. What should I do?*

Dear Anonymous,

Never feel like you're being a "pansy" for wanting to get out of an uncomfortable situation. Just because they are your friends does not mean you have to stick around in a situation you would rather not be in when they are intoxicated.

Since you fear that your friends will think you are a pansy if you leave the situation, I suggest you find a happy medium. What I mean by that is that you tell your friends the truth, but not bluntly. A simple, "I'd really love to hang around, but...I've got so much reading to do for my class," or "I'm ready to call it a night." Instead of, "I don't want to be around you guys when you're drunk!"

Another thing you may want to take into consideration: Is a friend really being a friend if they judge you for not enjoying the same lifestyle as they do?

Sincerely,
Giddy Gloria*Inspirational
Quotes*

People forget how fast you did a job - but they remember how well you did it.

- Howard Newton

It is important that students bring a certain ragamuffin, barefoot irreverence to their studies; they are not here to worship what is known, but to question it.

-Jacob Chanowski

Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.

- "Closing Time,"
Semisonic

Have questions for Giddy Gloria and Kindhearted Kat? E-mail them to rpt8460@saintjoe.edu!

Welcome to Creative Writing 101**The Storks of Vendegi: 1911****Poetry Corner**

By Anna Rohaly
Opinions Editor

"Joseph!" I turned to see my Apa hastily walking towards me. I thought I was in trouble until I saw his face. He looked worried with his wild, bushy eyebrows furrowed and his mouth turned down slightly.

"The storks, the golyak, are coming today with the new baby for your Anya and me," He knelt down in front of me so that I could look into his fierce blue Hungarian eyes. "Can I trust you to do a very important job, Joseph?" He was very serious and I nodded quickly to show him that as his son I could be trusted even if I was only five.

"I need you to get your older sister Anna and go to the river and watch for the golyak flying to our house with the baby," He patted my head with his rough, calloused hand. "I am counting on you Joseph. Now, go get Anna!"

I nodded and ran to find my sister in the big field behind our house. Our house is shaped like the big letter "L" and is on the outskirts of Vendegi Hungary. It is

close to the border of Slovakia and whenever my Apa and his friends talk, I hear them talking about the borders changing. I do not know what that means, but they say if there is ever a war that we might turn into Slovaks, or Szlovákok.

I see Anna, silhouetted by the big purple mountains that surround our Hungarian valley. Her hands are full of flowers and she is singing softly to herself. Impatient, I ran to her.

"Anna!" I yelled, "The golyak are bringing the baby! Papa needs us to go down to the river and watch for them!"

Grabbing my hand, Anna begins to skip with me to where the river flows out from Vendegi's little street. Vendegi only has one street, which splits in the middle of the town for the old church with its giant white steeple. I always think that the steeple looks like the lances of old knights. Anya says though, that I should not think like that about God's house or a snake

will come and catch me and take me away. I still think it looks like a lance though.

Anna points to the bank before us, lined sparingly with big trees to climb. Together we sit in the shade of one of the trees, playing with the grass. Anna makes a crown of flowers for our Anya and tries to get me to help her. That is a girl's game and soon I retreat to the banks to find rocks.

Soon I am throwing rocks into the sparkly waters and listening to the loud spah-lunk as my big rocks hit the surface. Clenching my hands into fists, I jump up and down laughing before scrambling over to another portion of the creeks bed for more rocks.

"Joseph, have you checked the sky?" Anna called to me, sitting on the bank still decked in more and more flowers. I turned to face the north mountains and stared into the brilliant blue sky. Nothing. Swiveling around I faced the west mountains and glared into the bright sunshine. No golyak. No storks. I looked at the south mountains and then the eastern mountains. Still no golyak.

The story will be continued in our next issue, which will come out on September 27! Tune in to find out what happens next!

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Rosa

Sharp curls into twisted ears
Inside a fleshy teacup
A red head with a slim neck

Black

To be charred at the stake
And not to fear death
Is to be a martyr

Mosquito Bite

Looks like a pink hill
Feels like a 'do not scratch button'
Sounds like fingernails
Smells sour
Tastes like sweat

Won't you jump cu'tay
Run John don't blink
Won't you hun', just wink
Don't be shy, you stink
Why don't you play hon'nay
Just jump and think

Green Monsters

Arms wave
Like a god
Rough skin
Legs crawl dirty
Under skirt blades
Ooze like a cold
Leaves applause